
1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes
   - The January 23, 2009 minutes were approved as presented

3. Guard Dogs
   - Garrett Cottrell, President of Guard Dogs reported that the previous weekend was the most successful to date; 284 rides were provided in one night. 6,000 rides have been provided since the start of the program. Guard Dogs currently has 10 volunteers and 5 vans per night. New GPS and dispatch tracking contributed to the success of the program.

4. Special Public Safety Ordinance
   - John Jackman gave an explanation of the proposed changes to the Town of Mansfield’s Special Police Services Ordinance. He explained the ordinance was created in the mid 1990’s and was originally used to cover the town’s expenses on calls/disturbances created by parties. The proposed changes to the ordinance will provide a warning to responsible parties and/or owners to remedy the problem and allow property owners to be charged for services if no direct responsible party can be identified. John encouraged members to attend the Mansfield Town Council Public Hearing on March 23, 2009 at 7:30pm to discuss the proposed changes. John acknowledged that some student leaders and property managers had concerns with the proposed changes and encouraged those who were concerned to voice their concerns to either him or to the Town Council.

5. Facebook/ Website Update
   - Julie Elkins informed the group that the MCCP website had been updated and a Facebook group had been created with similar information about the Partnership.

6. Subcommittee Report
   - Ande Bloom and Jim Hintz reported that the subcommittee discussed outreach efforts, including outreach to the broader community about the Partnership and specific outreach to remind students about expectations during warmer weather.
The group decided to sponsor a door-to-door initiative earlier in the spring with anticipation of challenges during warmer weather, sports celebrations and Spring Weekend. The group decided on March 19, 23, 24, 25 from 4:30-6:30. Jim Hintz will develop talking points for a door-to-door initiative based on feedback from the members.

- Jane Fried stressed her concern that the messages during the visits need to include expectations and consequences. Jim Hintz indicated he would send out the talking points for feedback. Jane asked if there was evidence on the effectiveness of the door-to-door visits. Several members acknowledged although there is not specific evidence of the effectiveness, those who have experienced several Spring Weekends believe that these activities have improved the behavior overtime.

7. Spring Weekend

- Town
  - John Jackman explained that public safety planning is underway. He asked if there were any plans to limit parking on-campus, per the UConn Board of Trustees Report on Spring Weekend. Julie Elkins explained that there have been conversations, but no decision had been made. John emphasized his support of the idea and that he would work to encourage private property owners to restrict parking.
  - Kevin Grunwald stated that an email will go out to the students and parents of E.O. Smith High School to let them know the consequences of high school students getting in trouble at Spring Weekend.
  - Kevin Grunwald will communicate with the Community Center to see if they can provide a venue for E.O. Smith students on the Friday and Saturday nights of Spring Weekend.

- University
  - Jim Hintz stated that Off-Campus Student Services will coordinate cookouts with property managers closer to Spring Weekend to engage students on the specifics of that weekend. Wellness and Prevention (formerly AOD) is sponsoring a cookout in Husky Village to engage fraternity and sorority members.
  - Other programming is also being planned for the weekend.
  - The Board of Trustees Spring Weekend Report recommendations are being reviewed by the UConn administration.
  - Julie Elkins noted that she has been contacted by the media for interviews regarding Spring Weekend. She will notify individuals if she makes a referral to them for information.

- USG
  - Tom Haggerty updated the group on USG activities related to Spring Weekend. There will be a Spring Weekend Rally at Gampel Pavilion on April 21st at 6:30pm. T-shirts will be handed out at the rally. USG will be producing an informational video to show at the rally which will be both entertaining and educational. They requested volunteers to participate in the video.
• USG will be handing out plastic cups at X-Lot to help prevent broken glass bottles. However, bracelets will not be distributed this year.

8. I-Parent
• Kevin Grunwald updated the group on I-Parent, the Mansfield, Ashford and Willington underage drinking coalition. The website, I-ParentNetwork.org is still in the testing mode and should officially launch in August. The website creates a place for parents to meet online and find ways to keep their kids safe. It will also include instructional videos on how to use social networks such as Twitter and Facebook.

9. Town Legislative Updates
• The MCCP members agreed to support a Mansfield Town Ordinance mandating alcohol server training based on draft language presented to the group. Julie Elkins and Kevin Grunwald will present to the Town Council this spring.
• Sabrina Bardwell stated that when she worked in Amherst, Massachusetts she was required to be trained and certified to serve alcohol. Fines were used to enforce the ordinance and incentives were given to encourage individual compliance.
• Julie Elkins requested volunteers to visit alcohol license holders to encourage them to be responsible with distribution prior to Spring Weekend. Tom Haggerty, Seamus Keating, and Chris Ferraro agreed to assist Julie with the visits.

10. Other
• Carolyn Lin encouraged members to check out the materials for the Remember Last Night campaign.
• USG is sponsoring a Safety Walk on March 25th at 6:30pm. The walk is to identify safety concerns on-campus. Concerns will be forwarded to Barry Feldman, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at UConn.
• Ginny Walton asked if the Partnership could help her with educating residents about trash and recycling policies. She acknowledged that the town of Mansfield has high expectations in regards to recycling and would like to see off-campus houses comply with the standards. Brian Buckman offered that the Commuter Student Group could include information about recycling in their programs. Jim Hintz stated that Off-Campus Student Services is working on a resource guide and transition programs that would include information on these topics.
• The Earth Day Celebration on Campus is April 22nd, 2009. It was suggested that the MCCP should participate in activities to provide information to students about living off-campus and recycling. Julie Elkins will see if the President’s Climate Control Committee would like to collaborate.
• Jim Hintz provided information on the Student’s First Fund Golf Tournament that will be held on May 1, 2009 at the Willimantic Country Club. The tournament is sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs. The proceeds will go to the UConn Foundation and funds will be used by the Division of Student Affairs to help students who have experienced an unanticipated hardship.